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THE MISSISSIPPI BALLOT-BOX STUFFERS  
AND THEIR FRIENDS.

THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN perfectly  
understood the Washington Post in  
regard to the Mississippi ballot-box  
stuffing. The Post did in terms con-  
demn the ballot-box stuffing, and then  
took the part of its defenders. There  
was a public demonstration, heartily  
participated in generally by the Democracy,  
to raise money to pay the fines of the  
convicted offenders, and to give expres-  
sion to the high estimate put upon their  
noble conduct in committing the crime.

We made mention of this. The Post re-  
plied just as all good Bourbons do, viz:  
that election frauds are very wrong, but  
that those who perpetrate them are not  
to be deprived of public ovations, and  
that when ballot-box stuffers are found  
guilty and fined, a community making  
heroes of them may escape censure  
on the ground that it is composed  
of "young men and maidens" or "boys  
and girls." This indorsement by the  
Post of the indorsement of the crimes it  
affected to condemn was noticed by The  
National Republican, whereupon that journal  
sought to evade the issue by an allusion  
to General Chalmers' candidacy. Well,  
we are for General Chalmers' election  
against his Bourbon opponent. When  
he came with a certificate to which we  
thought the evidence showed he was not  
entitled we were in favor of having him  
unseated. How does that stop us from  
discussing the ratification of ballot-box  
stuffing by the Democracy of a county in  
Mississippi, or the defense of that ratification  
by the Post? But the Post, in its  
anxiety to extricate itself from its first  
blunder, gets deeper into the mire. In  
reply to our charge that it defended the  
supporters of ballot-stuffing, it says:

But suppose that "public demonstration" was  
very objectionable, what are you going to do  
about it?

So asked that distinguished leader,  
William M. Tweed, on a historic occa-  
sion. Something will surely be done  
"about it" sooner or later. Tweed and  
his followers were for a long time the  
masters of public demonstrations in New  
York. Their fall came through an  
aroused public indignation and disgust  
with what had long been tolerated. And so  
it will be in the not distant future in  
Mississippi. Says the Post, concerning this  
infamous public indorsement of the prac-  
tice of ballot-box stuffing in Mississippi:

Did the boys and girls violate any law of  
the land? Is there any law of Congress, or of  
any other proper law-making body, that prohibits  
the showing of a public demonstration of sympathy,  
or the contribution of money to such a  
cause?

And would not any member of Congress be  
laughed at as a simpleton from Maine to Texas,  
from Florida to Oregon, if, acting on the advice  
of his neighbor, he should rise in his place and  
call the attention of Congress and the country to  
that "public demonstration," where a number of  
young people exercised their vocal gift, and their  
tongues and hands to help their comrades out  
of a bad scrape?

"The boys and girls" did not violate  
any law when the Democratic portion of  
a county apologized to criminals for the  
liberty taken with them by a court of  
justice in imposing a penalty for their  
crime. The Democratic party merely  
said to the representatives of the law:

"Whenever you strike a ballot-box  
stuffer you strike us. Any fine you im-  
pose on these worthy law-breakers will  
come out of our pockets, and not theirs.

We vicariously stuffed those ballot-boxes  
and we will pay the shot." Of course no  
law was violated by the "boys and girls."

As to any member of Congress being  
"laughed at as a simpleton" who may  
hereafter call attention to the playboy  
conduct of the Mississippi Democracy on  
the occasion referred to, that goes with-  
out saying. "From Maine to Texas, from  
Florida to Oregon" there would doubtless  
be great hilarity among that portion of the  
people who think that this country ought  
to be ruled through the stuffing of ballot-  
boxes if it is only approved by the fes-  
tive "young men and maidens," "boys  
and girls," in the enlightened and pro-  
gressive State of Mississippi. But to the  
Post and its merry friends we may be al-  
lowed to say that this, "though it makes  
the misanthropic laugh, cannot but make  
the judicious grieve, the censure of which  
one must, in your allowance, overweigh  
a whole theater of others." The Post's  
party might find its mirth dearly bought  
in the numbers of Democrats, North and  
South, who would refuse to join in it,  
or continue to act with a party so bold  
in its defiance of the rights of voters and  
of the most ordinary obligations on which  
our civilization is founded.

Governor Cornell Speaks.

In an interview with the New York  
Times' Saratoga correspondent Governor  
Cornell replied at great length to the  
charges against him. Being told that  
the great article in the Albany Evening  
Journal had been generally as-  
sumed as inspired by him, he replied:

The assumption is correct to this extent: I had  
a conversation with the editor of the Journal, of  
which the article you refer to was undoubtedly  
the result, though nothing was said by either of us  
about anything being said or printed in the  
Journal, or in the Albany Evening Journal, or  
in any other paper. The article, as it is, has  
been drawn from the article that is incorrect,  
and my enemies are endeavoring to obscure the  
truth by it. I would say that ex-Senator Conkling  
attempted to bribe me, or meant to be so un-  
derstood, but I think the Journal article, fairly  
construed, bears that interpretation. But, as there  
is perhaps some confusion of expression, I am glad  
to have an opportunity to set it right.

The Governor then goes on with a  
lengthy statement of the effect he thinks  
his votes of certain bills had upon him.  
He explains the charge of Mr. Tillotson  
that he used American District Tele-  
graph Company's funds by saying that  
his son did borrow of the company \$300-  
000 at 6 per cent, depositing stock worth  
\$90,000 as security for his note. This was  
paid when the loan was objected to by  
Mr. Tillotson. As to the "blind pool,"  
he states the details of the stock transac-  
tion to which it relates, and defends it as  
a legitimate transaction. He refers with  
bitterness to Jay Gould. He also speaks  
of Mr. Conkling and of the administration  
at Washington as being opposed to his  
renomination.

There has been a great battle in Egypt  
in which two thousand Englishmen  
fought ten thousand Egyptians a whole  
day because General Wolsey "thought it  
inconvenient with traditions of the  
Queen's army to retire before any num-  
ber of Egyptian troops." In view  
of this desperate determination the  
losses to the English were not greater  
than one would naturally expect to wit:  
A captain's leg and a lord's hand  
wounded. The general would have  
fought the same way all the next day,  
but when morning came the ten thou-  
sand had withdrawn.

Was it the Hand of Blatant?

Cornell's scandal is a story that comes from Saratoga,  
to the effect that it was ex-Senator Blaine  
who first divulged the allegation that Conkling  
had endeavored to bribe the governor—the latter  
having been in Saratoga at the time. The  
latter, however, thinking it too good a thing  
to be kept secret, communicated it to a prominent  
Saratoga correspondent, who in turn com-  
municated it to the Albany Evening Journal. Governor  
Cornell, however, has been given to the statement without the  
editor of the Journal concealing his about it;  
he has been given to the statement without the  
original charges, or on any essential point.

S. J. correspondence Phila. Public Ledger.

## ABOUT ALBEMARLE.

SCENES AROUND CHARLOTTEVILLE.

A Beautiful Country—The Blue Ridge—A Town  
With a Bright Future—A Railroad Cen-  
ter—The Chesapeake and Ohio  
Road—Miss Hatcher.

Special Correspondence of THE REPUBLICAN.

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., Aug. 24. Then  
God made Nature's smiling face he placed a dimple  
in her cheek, and now men call it Albemarle. This  
is certainly a most lovely country. The scenery  
has none of that rugged and startling grandeur that  
is seen in the other mountainous portions of the  
sphere, and is devoid of the unsatisfying flatness  
that characterizes Swampoodle and other spots in  
Ireland, but for calm and poetic beauty, for sweet  
pastoral perfection, and for symmetrical color  
Albemarle can scarcely be excelled anywhere.  
Most Washington men are imbued with a tender  
regard for hush and their land's prettiest  
spot, and have a deep love for the quiet life  
and dead-end theater life of the city, and may  
be said to be "fleshy" in their tastes; but  
your correspondent can sincerely conceive of a  
person as being material and non-spiritual that  
the landscape hereabouts would not be a perfect  
paradise to him. The undulating woodlands  
bordering the river, the rolling hills, the  
cattails, the emerald meadows, running gradually  
down to low levels in

the arms of the Blue Ridge,  
all these lovely scenes and others lend their  
sweetness to the picture. It is as though Nature  
were smiling at the world, and as though she  
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